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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **Maria S. Brown, et al.** :

APPLICATION NO.: **09/834,098**

: Examiner: **Irene Marx**

FILING DATE: **April 12, 2001**

: Group Art Unit: **1651**

TITLE: **Microbial Reductase Useful For The  
Stereoselective Reduction Of A Racemic Tetralone**

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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this Application, mailed on 10/10/02, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which expired on 1/10/03, be extended by 3 months (s), such that it includes and expires on 4/10/03.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$930 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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